H. R. 875.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 14, 1859.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. John S. Phelps, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following bill:

A BILL

Making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean steamers and otherwise during the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appro-
- 4 priated, for the service of the Post Office Department for the
- 5 year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and
- 6 sixty, out of any money in the treasury arising from the reve-
- 7 nues of said department, in conformity to the act of the
- 8 second of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six:
- 9 For the transportation of the mails by steamships be-
- 10 tween the United States and Southampton, Liverpool, Bremen,
- 11 Havre, or such other port or ports in Europe as the Postmas-

- ter General may direct, four hundred and twenty-six thousand two hundred and eighty-two dollars.
- 14 For the transportation of the mails by steamships be-15 tween Charleston, South Carolina, and Havana, by way of 16 Key West, calling at Savannah, Georgia, fifteen thousand dol-17 lars.
- 18 For the transportation of the mails by steamships be-19 tween New Orleans and Vera Cruz, fifteen thousand dollars.
- For the transportation of the mails by steamships from New York and New Orleans to San Francisco, California, via Panama, and back, from the first October, eighteen hundred and dred and fifty-nine, to thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty, two hundred and forty-eight thousand four hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents.
- For the transportation of the mails by steamships from New York and New Orleans to Havana, twenty thousand nine hundred dollars.
- For the transportation of the mails by steamships between San Francisco, California, and Olympia, Washington Territory, one hundred and twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars.
- For the transportation of the mails by steamships on Puget's Sound, twenty-two thousand four hundred dollars.
- For the transportation of the mails by steamships from New Orleans to San Francisco, California, via Tehuantepec,

and back, from the first October, eighteen hundred and fifty-37 nine, to thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty, one hun-38 dred and eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars: Pro-39 vided, That no further or other compensation shall be paid 40 by the Postmaster General for mail service on the aforesaid 41 routes than the sums arising from mail matter carried by them 42 on the said routes, respectively, unless in the case of an exist-43 ing unexpired contract on said routes. 44

For the transportation of the mails by steamships from 45 Panama to California and Oregon, and back, from the first July 46 to the thirtieth September, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, 47 eighty-seven thousand and sixty-two dollars and fifty cents: 48 Provided, That it shall be lawful for the Secretary of the 49 Navy and Postmaster General, or either of them, to issue **50** requisitions upon the treasury in payment of the service per-51 formed and to be performed under the extended contract for **52** this route from first October, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, 53 to the thirtieth September, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, **54** when said contract will expire. **55**

For the transportation of the mails across the Isthmus of Panama, from the first of July to the thirtieth of September, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, twenty-five thousand dollars.

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